

1                                   **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 20**

2    (By Delegates Boggs, Barill, T. Campbell, Hatfield, Lawrence, J.  
3                   Miller, Moye, Perdue, L. Phillips and Border)

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5                                   [Introduced February 9, 2011]  
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8    Designating February 9, 2011, as "Disability Advocacy Day."

9           WHEREAS, There are more than 400,000 West Virginians with  
10 disabilities; and

11          WHEREAS, People with disabilities have the right to equal  
12 opportunity to live full productive lives in the community of their  
13 choice; and

14          WHEREAS, People with disabilities have the right to receive  
15 supports they need to exercise self-determination, achieve  
16 independence, contribute to their communities, and become  
17 productive employees in the workplace; and

18          WHEREAS, Organizations representing the rights and issues that  
19 affect people with disabilities and West Virginia's citizens with  
20 disabilities, family members and other advocates have banded  
21 together in a collective group, called the "Fair Shake Network," to  
22 help bring their concerns to the forefront of public awareness; and

23          WHEREAS, The purpose of Disability Advocacy Day is to increase  
24 the awareness of legislators, administrators, policymakers and the  
25 public of the public policy issues that are important to people  
26 with disabilities; therefore, be it

27          *Resolved by the West Virginia House of Delegates:*

1        That February 9, 2011, is hereby declared "Disability Advocacy  
2 Day" in West Virginia; and, be it

3        *Further Resolved*, That the Clerk of the House forward a copy  
4 of this resolution to the appropriate representatives of the Fair  
5 Shake Network.